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What is claimed is:

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1. A computer mouse comprising:
2 a base member having hold regions;
3 a top member pivotally coupled to said base member, said top member having a
4 main surface configured to leave said hold regions substantially exposed;
5 wherein said top member forms an integral housing and button.

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2. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said top member does not include a separate button.

3. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions allow said top member to be maintained in a clicked position when the computer mouse is removed from a surface.

4. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions are substantially flush with said main surface of said top member.

1 5. The computer mouse of claim 1, wherein said hold regions comprise first and
2 second vertically extending tabs.

1 6. The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said first and second vertically
2 extending tabs are integrally formed with said base member.

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1 7. The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said top member comprises first and
2 second openings shaped to accommodate said first and second vertically extending
3 tabs, respectively.

1 8. The computer mouse of claim 5, wherein said first and second vertically
2 extending tabs are located on opposite sides of said base member.

1 9. A computer mouse comprising:
2 a first side ear;
3 a second side ear;
4 wherein said first and second side ears are concurrently graspable to lift the
5 computer mouse while maintaining a button of the computer mouse in a depressed
6 position, wherein said button is a top housing of the computer mouse.

1 10. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears are
2 substantially rigid.

1 11. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears are
2 capable of accommodating a user's thumb and one of a user's other fingers,
3 respectively.

1 12. The computer mouse of claim 9, wherein said first and second side ears extend
2 from a base.

1 13. The computer mouse of claim 12, wherein said first and second side ears are
2 located on opposite sides of said base.

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1 14. A computer mouse comprising:

2 a base having a first fixed portion and a second fixed portion;

3 a depressable housing coupled to said base such that said base is covered by

4 said housing;

5 wherein said first and second fixed portions are accessible through said

6 depressable housing when said depressable housing is depressed.

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1 15. The computer mouse of claim 14, wherein not all of said depressable housing is
2 depressable.

3 16. The computer mouse of claim 14, wherein said first and second fixed portions
4 and said depressable housing are capable of being held concurrently to lift the
5 computer mouse off a surface.

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